

# Downs Infant School Newsletter



9 September 2022

This Half Term's Value is - Ambition

## Message from Dr Mitchell...

A huge welcome back to all our Year 1 and Year 2 families, and a warm welcome to our new Reception families – it's been wonderful meeting you over the past week. The children have come in so keen and ready to learn – it's absolutely amazing! Anyone would think we were already well into the year by their behaviour and the way that they are conducting themselves around the school. From next week you will all be getting a weekly round up on Tapestry so you can see what we have been up to!

By the time you receive this newsletter I hope that everyone in Year 1 and 2 will have returned their home-school reading agreement. Books will come home for Y1 and Y2 on Mondays and Thursdays from next week once these are returned.

I have written to you about the death of HRH Queen Elizabeth II and we will look at her life in Y1/Y2 assembly on Monday.



## Diary Dates

(new dates will be in red)

- Phonics/Early reading meeting for parents/carers: Wed 21 Sept 6-7pm or Friday 23 Sept 2-3pm
- FODIS AGM 22<sup>nd</sup> September
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct Harvest collection for foodbank
- Wed 12 Oct School Photos
- 24 Oct-28 Oct Half Term
- 31 Oct INSET
- Fri 4 Nov Film night TBC
- Tues 15/Wed 16 new parent tours

## After School Health and Safety

Please help us set out our expectations for the year! Children must not play on or with school equipment before or after school. Before school this will have been set up for learning, and after school we need to get the site secured for the safety of any children and staff still on site. So – pick up and move off please, there is plenty of time to play during the school day!

## School Day Times

Please note that school starts at 8.45am and ends at 3pm. Children will be marked late if they arrive after 9am. After 9.15 they will receive an 'unauthorised absence' mark and if these continue it can result in a fine.

## Learning Round-Up



**Year 2** have been learning how to be independent moving from their classrooms to their 'continuous provision' in the Treetops. They have explored the resources they can use in their learning and have already enjoyed making, writing, being creative, and working collaboratively.

**Year 1** have been getting to know their new classes, playing games to learn each others' names, and learning about what other groups they belong to. They have explored the woodland, the classroom and the library!



**Reception** have begun to meet their new friends as well as the adults in their classes. They have enjoyed playing in their classrooms and the ocean.



## Chair of Champions

Fox: Hamish and Indigo; Squirrel: Austin and Ada; Robin: Rue and Stanley  
Puffin: Rudi and Henry

